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From: Jarabek, Annie
Sent: Tue 8/11/2015 5:32:05 PM
Subject: RE: No action -- Gold King Mine Release - Aminas River contamination data

Don't get me wrong – I completely agree with the wait strategy. I think we can anticipate what might be needed.

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To: Jarabek, Annie; Flowers, Lynn; Frithsen, Jeff
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Well, it's bad for R8, but there may also be a bit of keystone kops happening with everyone running around trying to "help." Offering to help and being ready to step up when needed is what they are seeking now, and I think we're there.

From: Jarabek, Annie
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:21 PM
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OK. I just worry that R8 is overwhelmed. The press on this is bad. ☹

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My suggestion would be to hang tight. I would imagine that R8 would pull that kind of information from their eco/human risk tables. I wouldn't do anything until we are pulled in as needed. My two cents.

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I definitely think ecological effects will be a huge concern. Wondering if we shouldn't start to compile available screening or clean-up values for these metals?

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From: Ross, Mary

Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 9:43 AM

To: Flowers, Lynn; Frithsen, Jeff

Cc: Jarabek, Annie

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Thanks, Lynn. I agree, I don't think NCEA is a big player initially for the hydrologic modeling components. As questions arise about assessing impacts, it also sounds like eco effects may be important so I'll include Jeff here too.

From: Flowers, Lynn
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:31 AM
To: Ross, Mary
Cc: Jarabek, Annie
Subject: FW: No action -- Gold King Mine Release - Aminas River contamination data

Mary: Given that you were the invitee on the meeting on this topic yesterday...I am forwarding. Greg sent it to me and Annie. Given the discussion yesterday, I won't do anything unless asked. Looks like it is under control with lots of cooks in the kitchen.

Hopefully we won't be asked to estimate human toxicity from this.

Lynn

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Butler, Barbara; Watkins, Tim; Ernst, Hiba; Magnuson, Matthew; Szabo, Jeff; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer; Sonich-Mullin, Cynthia; Steenbock, John; Russo, Bill

Cc: Kavlock, Robert; Burke, Thomas

Subject: No action -- Gold King Mine Release - Animas River contamination data

No Action.

Folks –

At this moment, I'm not sure what ORD expertise will be called upon today or tomorrow. However, I wanted to share this info so that our folks can see the currently available data and to begin thinking about what this means to their area of expertise (analytical, toxicity, etc.)

Attached is:

1. The situation report about the release – this is several days old so it gives details about the situation associated with the first few days.
2. Preliminary data from the Animas River on metals at a bunch of locations.

This data is from an internal On-Scene Coordinators site, so please keep it internal. It is all the data that is posted now. Bob K. mentioned yesterday that EPA plans to release data ASAP, but I'm not sure this data is released or not.

Eric Koglin of NHSRC is working with me to coordinate ORD technical support. You may begin to receive emails or calls from him too as this incident progresses.

Thanks

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